



NEWTON

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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Newton, known as the Garden City, is located six miles west of Boston. It lies within the so-called Boston Basin, a tiny structure of the Appalachian Mountain Range. Originally a part of Cambridge, Newton was settled in 1630 and incorporated in 1688 with the first settlement in Newton Corner. The Boston and Worcester Railroads established depots at what later became Newtonville and Auburndale in 1834.

Newton is bounded on three sides by the Charles River and is a diverse community comprised of 14 villages, each with a unique character. The villages of Newton - listed alphabetically - are: Auburndale, Chestnut Hill, Four Corners, Newton Centre, Newton Corner, Newton Highlands, Newton Lower Falls, Newton Upper Falls, Newtonville, Nonantum, Oak Hill, Thomsonville and Waban.

Newton is a vibrant community that is desirable as a place to live and work due to its proximity to Boston, nearness to various highway and public transportation systems, attractive neighborhoods and high property values, well-run municipal government, and a strong, nationally-recognized school system. Newton has well maintained parks, bicycle and fitness trails, golf courses, a public pool and lake. From July through October there is an outdoor Farmer's Market. Newton has a new, state-of-the-art, award-winning Library which served 602,951 people in 1993, and is home to the Jackson Homestead Museum, one of 712 nationally-accredited museums (out of 6,200 museums country-wide). Among the myriad arts and cultural organizations and activities, Newton has a Symphony Orchestra, resident theatre groups and an Arts in the Parks Program. Newton has been designated 1 of 3 cities nationwide to participate in a pilot tree bank, planting 6,800 seedlings. Newton has an extensive Institutional Network (I-Net) communications system which connects 63 municipal and institutional buildings, including all public schools. Newton was the recipient of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Heinz Foundation awards for being the first city in the Commonwealth to administer a mandatory curbside recycling program. 90% of residents recycle, reducing incinerated tonnage by 33% and saving \$468,000 in 1993. In 1993, Newton was one of 5 cities nationwide, with a population over 50,000, to receive the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Livability Award. In 1993, there were \$3.8 million worth of public works projects in process.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Needham on the southwest, Wellesley and Weston on the west, Waltham and Watertown on the north, Brookline and Boston on the east, and Boston on the southeast. Newton is 8 miles west of Boston and about 210 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 18.22 sq. miles

Land Area: 18.06 sq. miles

Population: 82,585

Density: 4,573 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Boston WSO Station)

Normal temperature in January.....28.6°F

Normal temperature in July.....73.5°F

Normal annual precipitation.....41.5"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Newton, Natick

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (617) 552-7000

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Mayor-Council

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1688

As a city: 1873

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	47,414		
Democrats	22,225	46.9	%
Republicans	5,073	10.7	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	20,116	42.4	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Newton city, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	83,829	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	83,829	100.0
Male.....	38,951	46.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	2,111	2.5
Female.....	44,878	53.5	Mexican.....	306	0.4
Under 5 years.....	4,401	5.2	Puerto Rican.....	334	0.4
5 to 9 years.....	5,014	6.0	Cuban.....	167	0.2
10 to 14 years.....	5,267	6.3	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	1,306	1.6
15 to 19 years.....	6,653	7.9	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	81,718	97.5
20 to 24 years.....	5,133	6.1	White alone.....	72,388	86.4
25 to 34 years.....	10,809	12.9	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	12,823	15.3	Total population.....	83,829	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	13,400	16.0	In households.....	78,251	93.3
55 to 59 years.....	4,408	5.3	Householder.....	31,201	37.2
60 to 64 years.....	3,281	3.9	Spouse.....	17,209	20.5
65 to 74 years.....	5,918	7.1	Child.....	21,971	26.2
75 to 84 years.....	4,667	5.6	Own child under 18 years.....	17,128	20.4
85 years and over.....	2,055	2.5	Other relatives.....	2,524	3.0
Median age (years).....	38.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	509	0.6
18 years and over.....	66,018	78.8	Nonrelatives.....	5,346	6.4
Male.....	29,889	35.7	Unmarried partner.....	1,165	1.4
Female.....	36,129	43.1	In group quarters.....	5,578	6.7
21 years and over.....	61,286	73.1	Institutionalized population.....	621	0.7
62 years and over.....	14,549	17.4	Noninstitutionalized population.....	4,957	5.9
65 years and over.....	12,640	15.1	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	5,073	6.1	Total households.....	31,201	100.0
Female.....	7,567	9.0	Family households (families).....	20,485	65.7
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	9,696	31.1
One race.....	82,606	98.5	Married-couple family.....	17,209	55.2
White.....	73,831	88.1	With own children under 18 years.....	8,286	26.6
Black or African American.....	1,653	2.0	Female householder, no husband present.....	2,500	8.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	61	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	1,159	3.7
Asian.....	6,434	7.7	Nonfamily households.....	10,716	34.3
Asian Indian.....	769	0.9	Householder living alone.....	7,958	25.5
Chinese.....	4,047	4.8	Householder 65 years and over.....	3,468	11.1
Filipino.....	161	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	10,076	32.3
Japanese.....	352	0.4	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	8,748	28.0
Korean.....	530	0.6	Average household size.....	2.51	(X)
Vietnamese.....	181	0.2	Average family size.....	3.04	(X)
Other Asian ¹	394	0.5	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	29	-	Total housing units.....	32,112	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	4	-	Occupied housing units.....	31,201	97.2
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	11	-	Vacant housing units.....	911	2.8
Samoa.....	2	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	12	-	occasional use.....	255	0.8
Some other race.....	598	0.7	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.5	(X)
Two or more races.....	1,223	1.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.1	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races:³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	31,201	100.0
White.....	74,862	89.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	21,692	69.5
Black or African American.....	1,997	2.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	9,509	30.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	268	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.70	(X)
Asian.....	6,965	8.3	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.08	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	106	0.1			
Some other race.....	979	1.2			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 264

Conventional Federal: 226

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 36

Federal (Section 8): 442



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Newton is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate Route 90) and State Route 9, which both run E-W across Massachusetts, and State Route 128, the inner belt around Boston. Three interchanges, two in Newton and one just over the border in Weston, make the Mass. Turnpike easily accessible.

Rail

Commuter service to Boston, is available from West Newton (travel time 15-16 min.; no parking), Newtonville (11-12 min.; no parking), and Auburndale (18-20 min.; 30 MBTA parking spaces). MBTA Green Line subway service is available from Riverside Station (43 min. to Government Center; 1,128 parking spaces) and Newton Centre (31 minutes; no MBTA parking). The Bay Colony Railroad and Conrail provide freight rail service.

Bus

Newton is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The MBTA provides fixed route service to neighboring communities, and also offers THE RIDE, a paratransit service for the elderly and disabled. Peter Pan Bus Lines provides service to Boston, Worcester, Springfield and points beyond with local service M-F between Boston and Worcester.

Other

The Norwood Memorial Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is easily accessible via State Route 128. It has 2 asphalt runways 4,001'x 150' and 4,007'x 150'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Jackson Homestead
527 Washington Street
(617) 552-7238

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Newton-Wellesley Hospital

Long Term Care

Braeburn Nursing Home
Chetwynde Convalescent Home
Chetwynde Nursing Home
Elliot Manor Nursing Home
Heathwood Nursing Home
Mediplex Of Newton Altcf
Newton Convalescent Home
Pelham House Nursing Home
Vanderklisch Hall Nursing Home

Hospices

Hospice Of The Good Shepherd

Rest Homes

Garland Rest Home
Lakeview Rest Home
Mt. Ida Rest Home, Inc.
Stone Inst. And Newton Home
Swedish Home For The Aged

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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